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## REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Application Number	09/431,674		
Filing Date	November 1, 1999		
First Named Inventor	Baggett et al. 250		
Group Art Unit	3626		
Examiner Name	Porter Rachel L.		
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

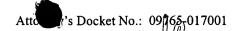
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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

**GROUP 3600** 

In response to the action mailed November 6, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1-5, 9, 15, 16, 21-23, and 29, as follows:

(Twice Amended) 1. A travel planning system comprises:

a computer system for executing:

a scheduling process to provide a set of instances of transportation that satisfy a user query;

a faring process that determines fares valid for at least some of the instances in the set of instances of transportation; and

an availability process that uses results from a first source of seat availability information for a mode of transportation to determine a set of available instances of transportation;

determines quality properties of the availability information; and

determines, based on the quality properties, whether the first source of availability information is reliable, and if the results are not reliable, the availability process executes a second set of seat availability queries to the first source or a different source of seat availability

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